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SUBJECT: QUERY RE REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL

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DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS JANUARY 17

1. REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL USA (RIUSA) IS THE US AFFILIATE OF REHABILITATION INTERNATIONAL (RI), A WORLD-WIDE ORGANIZATION WITH AFFILIATES IN ALMOST 80 COUNTRIES. RI IS THE OLDEST VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION IN THE WORLD, ITS ANTECEDENT ORGANIZATION HAVING BEEN FOUNDED IN 1922.

2. RIUSA IS NATIONAL VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION WITH FOLLOWING 14 SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS:

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND
AMERICAN LEPROSY MISSIONS
AMERICAN SPEECH AND HEARING ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF AMERICA
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JEWISH OCCUPATIONAL COUNCIL

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MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM
NATIONAL EASTER SEAL SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS
NATIONAL FOUNDATION
NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION
WORLD REHABILITATION FUND.

3. RIUSA PROVIDES INTERNATIONAL SERVICES TO THE US REHABILITATION COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTS THE WORLDWIDE PROGRAMS OF RI TO HELP THE HANDICAPPED. IT RAISES FUNDS FOR RI, HAS BEGUN PUBLISHING NEW MAGAZINES ON REHABILITATION, OPERATES A FILM LIBRARY AND CONDUCTS OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDER GUIDANCE FROM ITS SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS.

4. RIUSA'S PRESIDENT IS MRS. HELEN WALSH, WHO PRESENTED ITS ANNUAL AWARD TO MRS. SADAT. IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF SPONSORS IN PARA 2, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDES SENATORS WILLIAMS (NJ), RANDOLPH (W VA) AND DOLE (KANS) AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF XEROX, WOOLWORTH'S, AND PROCTOR AND GAMBLE. BOARD APPROVED AWARD TO MRS. SADAT FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO REHABILITATION WORK. PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS INCLUDE MRS. NIXON AND SENATOR DOLE. MRS. SADAT IS FIRST FOREIGN RECIPIENT OF ANNUAL AWARD. MRS. SADAT ALSO VISITED WORLDREHABILITATION FUND (SPONSOR 14, ABOVE) IN NEW YORK DURING HER VISIT AND MET WITH ITS PRESIDENT, DR. HOWARD RUSK, WHO WAS ALSO AT AWARDS CEREMONY.

5. RIUSA WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY PHOTOS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY EGYPTIAN PHOTOGRAPHERS OF AWARD CEREMONY AT BLAIR HOUSE OR THAT MAY RESULT FROM JANUARY 17 PRESS CONFERENCE. THEY CAN BE POUCHED NEA/EGY FOR DELIVERY. KISSINGER

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